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a two-page report which gives information on the following: (1) A Soviet-occupied camp south of the Zechlin-Sewekow road. Descriptions of a heavy-gun and a rocket trailer are given. (2) Military shipments of equipment, ammunition, fuel, and personnel in the Neuruppin area.

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Soviet activity at NEURUPPIN and WITTSTOCK training area
(15 Dec 58 - 26 Jan 59)

WITTSTOCK TRAINING AREA

1. There is a Russian-occupied camp area, situated roughly 1 km. south of the ZECHLIN-SEWEEKOW road where the road to DRANSE branches off.
2. As at 26 Jan 59 the camp was not fully occupied. Troops in occupation wear black/red sbds.
3. The camp has the following buildings:
 - (a) Southern half
 - (i) Recreation building.
 - (ii) Three accommodation blocks, brick-built, ground floor only, 8 to 10 windows.
 - (b) Northern half
 - (i) A separately fenced off area enclosing three garage buildings, one wash-room, water pump and guard room.
 - (ii) A kitchen building, ground floor only.

All buildings are of brick construction.
4. The garage buildings can accommodate 40 to 45 tanks. On 26 Jan 59 two garages had roughly 30 to 40 tanks each. The tanks were completely covered by canvas. The third garage contained 7 tanks, also covered over, except for one which was having its track changed. This tank was a JS-2 or JS-3.
5. Within this specially enclosed area on the 26 Jan 59 were two trailers with rockets and one heavy gun. They were not covered by canvas.
6. The gun is described as follows:
 - (a) Calibre 200 - 250 mm.
 - (b) No muzzle brake.
 - (c) Barrel approximately 10 m long.
 - (d) No shield.
 - (e) A vertical recoil cylinder each side of the barrel.
 - (f) Very heavy box section trail legs, roughly 4 metres long.
 - (g) Two axled, the limber wheels smaller than the front wheels.

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7. One rocket trailer is described as follows:

- (a) Two axled [redacted] 50X1-HUM
- (b) A load platform 3 to 3.5 m [redacted]
- (c) A 5 m [redacted] platform resting on the back of the trailer and secured by two supports on the front end of the trailer. This platform rests at an angle of 30° - 40°.
- (d) A rocket rested on the platform and was 6-7 m [redacted] 50X1-HUM
- (e) The rocket, from base to centre, was approximately 80 cms. in diameter. It then tapered gradually to a point.

8. The second trailer was also two-axled [redacted] The trailer was approximately 7 m [redacted] and had no angled platform. A rocket of the same type as in para. 7 (d) and (e) above, lay flat on the load platform. 50X1-HUM

NEURUPPIN

9. On 15 Dec 58 at 1100 hours, a column entered the FRIEDRICH-FRANZ Kaserne (BS 2201), made up as follows:

- (a) 8 x ZIS-151, each towing a 57 mm. A.A.
- (b) 5 x 2-axled [redacted]
- (c) 2 x jeeps with extended aerials [redacted] 50X1-HUM

10. On 5 Jan 59 two jeeps entered the FRIEDRICH-FRANZ Kaserne (PS 2201) [redacted] 50X1-HUM

11. On 9 Jan 59 at 1400 hours [redacted] 50X1-HUM
[redacted] The load (ammunition) was transported by trucks to the depot at MR 514671. 50X1-HUM

12. On 26 Jan 59 at 1500 hours, the following equipment was entrained at NEURUPPIN station, which had arrived from the FRIEDRICH-FRANZ Kaserne (BS 2201):

- (a) Approximately 20 x TPM of various types, but in the main YA-14's.
- (b) 12 x 85 mm. A.A. guns.
- (c) 1 x radar trailer - T-shaped.
- (d) 1 x box-bodied radar trailer with circular disc on roof, approximately 1.5 m [redacted] diameter. 50X1-HUM
- (e) 3 x ZIS-151, each towing a generator.
- (f) 2 x 3-axled W/T trucks, one of which towed a trailer.
- (g) Roughly 25 x ZIS-151, loaded with ammunition boxes, petrol drums, household goods, troops and women.

13. On 26 Jan 59 at 1500 hours, a train was assembled at ALT RUPPIN station, made up as follows:

- (a) 23 x ZIS-151.
- (b) 6 x 57 mm. A.A. guns.
- (c) 2 x twin A.A. with shorter barrels than the 57 mm.
- (d) 3 x ZIS-151 [redacted] 50X1-HUM
- (e) 2 x TPM YA-14's.
- (f) 6 x M-waggons with troops wearing black/red sbds.

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